

**PRELOADABLE, EXTERNALLY INSTALLABLE AND
REMOVABLE BEARING AND SHAFT ASSEMBLY**

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An externally installable and removable bearing and shaft assembly for supporting an end of a rotatable member for rotation relative to a support member or structure, which when installed, applies an axial preload force against a shaft of the assembly, for reducing the occurrence of flexure or bending of the shaft due to side loads during the rotation which can lead to fatigue failure including shaft breakage.